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CATEGORY: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM SOLICITATION FOR FFY2024

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PURPOSE & INTRODUCTION:

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is soliciting project applications for the second round of funding opportunity identified as the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program.

The USDOT announced that the SS4A Program is a \$1 Billion Program for FFY 2024 plus an additional \$256,687,000 applied as carryover from FFY2023; for a total of \$1,1,256,687,000 which is targeted to assist with ensuring safe streets and roads for all, and to address the national roadway safety crisis. This program is made available to support regional, local, and Tribal initiatives with plans, projects and strategies that will prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

The SS4A Program will be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning, infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users including: pedestrians (pedestrians is inclusive of all users of the pedestrian infrastructure, including persons with disabilities); bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micro-mobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

The funding and program supports the USDOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy and collaborative efforts to advance the Safe System Approach, and address safety by implementing redundant measures that lead to multiple types and layers of protection.

DIRECT RECIPIENT PROGRAM:

The SS4A program is a direct grant recipient program. IDOT is not permitted to serve as a pass-through, and the recipient has the responsibility for ensuring completion of the grant activities and for compliance with the terms of the grant award and federal requirements. All awards will be administered pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards found in 2 CFR § 200 as adopted by the Department at 2 CFR § 1201.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read through the NOFO to ensure all applications guidelines are followed at [NOFO SS4A](#). The following summary is provided herewith only as an overview:

Summary:	To support local initiatives to prevent transportation-related deaths and serious injuries, and improve overall roadway safety, through safety action plan development and implementation actions. The focal points of this Program include pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micro-mobility users, and commercial vehicle operators. The Program seeks to provide funding to develop the tools to help strengthen a community's approach to roadway safety and safe lives, on roads and streets while working towards the initiatives of "Vision Zero" or "Towards Zero Deaths".
Eligible Entities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Governmental Agencies (or political subdivision of the State of Illinois) • Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) • Federally recognized Tribal government • Multijurisdictional group of entities described in the aforementioned 3 (three) types of entities
Eligible Projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Demonstration Grants; such as the development of action plan, completion or supplementation activities of a comprehensive safety action plan; <p>OR;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Grants; such as the planning, design, and development activities for infrastructure projects and other strategies identified in a comprehensive safety action plan.
Expected Range of Awards: (Size and Quantity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning and Demonstration Grants (hundreds of grants nationwide): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$100k to \$10M for all applicants • Implementation Grants (up to 100 grants nationwide): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$2,500,000 to \$25,000,000
Key Provisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires the consideration, among other factors, the likelihood of a project significantly reducing or eliminating fatalities and serious injuries involving various road users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, and commercial vehicle operators. • Cost Sharing or Matching – grants may not exceed 80% of the total eligible activity costs. • Emphasis placed on multiple jurisdictions or regionally significant applications
FY 2024 Funding:	\$1,256,687,000 for FFY2024 (nationally),

DEADLINES AND GRANT APPLICATION:

The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

- **April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
- **May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
- **August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT):** Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.

Detailed instructions for application can be found on the [SS4A How to Apply webpage](#). Applications will be done through Valid Eva, a third-party web-based evaluation platform used by USDOT and other Federal programs to support application submissions and evaluation. Applicants must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number to apply. To apply for a UEI, visit [Sam.gov](#). Applicants should allow up to 30 days to receive a UEI.

COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH FATALITY RATES:

The FFY2024 SS4A NOFO includes a new Planning and Demonstration Grant award selection consideration for applicants that have a fatality rate of 17.0 fatalities per 100,000 persons or greater. The goal of this consideration is to ensure that communities with higher fatality rates are prioritized for planning and demonstration activities. The list of communities will receive additional award consideration is available on a [this webpage](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

Prospective applicants should read the complete [NOFO](#). The SS4A website is full of helpful information, including: upcoming and recorded [webinars](#), an exhaustive [FAQ](#) webpage, detailed instructions on [how to apply](#) and how to request a pre-application action [plan review](#) for implementation grants.

If you have further questions that are not covered in the above resources, contact the SS4A staff at SS4A@dot.gov. If you have any questions on the Circular Letter, please contact Holly Primm, Local Planning & Programming Manager at (217) 782-1662 or Holly.Primm@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,



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